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Foreword

Between 1997 and 2003, the Texas Legislative Council publication *Summary of Enactments* included a table to indicate statutory state agencies, interagency panels, advisory committees, and other state governmental entities that were created, restructured, or eliminated by the legislature. *New, Renamed, and Abolished State Governmental Entities* replaced the table in 2005 with an expanded format that provides more information about the affected entities and their function and composition. An index at the end of this publication provides an opportunity to search for the entities by subject area.

The New Entities section provides information on each new entity that has been created by law. Some of these new entities are tied to the abolishment of another entity but are not considered a renaming or replacement of that entity. An example is the Court Reporters Certification Advisory Board, which was created as part of the discontinuation of the Court Reporters Certification Board. The Court Reporters Certification Board is included in the Abolished Entities section with a reference to the new entity.

The Renamed Entities section provides information on each entity that received a name change and indicates whether the entity's function and composition were unchanged or revised.

The Abolished Entities section provides information on each entity that was abolished or that was discontinued because the statute creating it was repealed. If the function of the entity was transferred to an already existing entity, that is noted. If the function was assigned to a new entity described in the New Entities section, that is noted.

For each entity included in the publication, the following information is provided:

Name—The name of the entity as it appears in the enabling legislation or a descriptive phrase for the entity. If the entity advises or is administratively attached to a state agency, or if a state agency appoints members or provides staff support to the entity, that agency's name appears in parentheses. For an entity that has been renamed, the previous name is indicated. For an abolished entity, if its function is transferred, the entity that assumes that function is also named.

Legislation—The bill and specific bill sections that contain provisions creating, renaming, or abolishing the entity and that may contain other information, such as the function and composition.

Effective/Abolished—The date the provision creating, renaming, or abolishing the entity becomes effective. If creation of the entity is authorized instead of mandated, that is noted. All bills were enacted during the regular session of the legislature unless otherwise noted.

Function—Powers and duties of the entity. For entities that have been renamed, if the function has been revised, a brief explanation of the change is provided. Information about the transfer of the function to another entity is included if applicable.

Composition—Membership information for the entity, including the number of members, appointment criteria, and terms of office. Information about the designation or selection of the presiding officer is included if that information is in the bill. If the composition of a renamed entity has been changed, a brief explanation of the change is provided.

Expiration Date—When applicable, the sunset date or other expiration date included in the legislation creating a new entity or in the enabling statute for a renamed entity. Section 2110.008, Government Code, relating to the duration of advisory bodies, may be applicable to certain entities.

New Entities

Adult Education and Literacy Advisory Committee ([Texas Workforce Commission](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 307](#), Section 1.01

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function: Advises the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) on:

- The development of:
 - Policies and program priorities that support the development of an educated and skilled workforce in Texas
 - Statewide curriculum guidelines and standards for adult education and literacy services that ensure a balance of education and workplace skill development
 - A statewide strategy for improving student transitions to postsecondary education and career and technical education training
 - A centralized system for collecting and tracking comprehensive data on adult basic education and literacy program performance outcomes
- The exploration of potential partnerships with entities in the nonprofit community engaged in literacy promotion efforts, entities in the business community, and other appropriate entities to improve statewide literacy programs
- Any other issue TWC considers appropriate

The advisory committee must report to TWC at least annually.

Composition (not more than 9 members): TWC appoints the members of the advisory committee and the committee must be composed of not more than nine members and include at least one representative of the business community and at least one representative of a local workforce development board. Members must have expertise in the field of adult education and literacy and may include adult educators, providers, advocates, current or former adult education and literacy program students, and leaders in the nonprofit community engaged in literacy promotion efforts.

Beginning Teacher Induction and Mentoring Programs Advisory Committee ([Texas Education Agency](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 2012](#), Section 8

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function:

- Evaluates the implementation of Education Code provisions relating to school district beginning teacher induction and mentoring programs and makes recommendations for improvement
- Develops recommended guidelines that align teacher induction and mentoring activities with expectations for new teachers based on teaching practice standards
- Submits a report of committee recommendations to the governor and the legislature not later than January 1, 2015

Composition (unspecified number of members): The governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house form the committee.

Expiration date: January 31, 2015

Behavioral Health Integration Advisory Committee ([Health and Human Services Commission](#) and [Department of State Health Services](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 58](#), Sections 1 and 4

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function:

- Addresses the planning and development needs of the behavioral health services network established under Senate Bill 58 as part of the Medicaid managed care program
- Seeks input from the behavioral health community on the implementation of statutory provisions relating to the integration of behavioral health and physical health services into the Medicaid managed care program and issues formal recommendations to the Health and Human Services Commission regarding that implementation

Composition (unspecified number of members): The Health and Human Services Commission and the Department of State Health Services establish the committee and the committee must include the following members:

- Individuals with behavioral health conditions who are current or former recipients of publicly funded behavioral health services
- Representatives of managed care organizations that have expertise in offering behavioral health services
- Public and private providers of behavioral health services

- Providers of behavioral health services who are both Medicaid primary care providers and providers for individuals who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare

Expiration date: September 1, 2017

Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas Program Integration Committee ([Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 149](#), Sections 1, 3, 14, 15, 17, 22, 23, and 27

Effective: June 14, 2013

Function: Submits to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) oversight committee a list of cancer research and prevention grant applications recommended for funding

Composition (5 members total):

- The CPRIT chief executive officer, who serves as the presiding officer
- The CPRIT chief scientific officer
- The CPRIT chief product development officer
- The commissioner of state health services
- The CPRIT chief prevention officer

Program integration committee members must adhere to the provisions of Senate Bill 149 relating to conflicts of interest and a code of conduct. The CPRIT chief compliance officer attends and observes the meetings of the program integration committee to ensure compliance with state statutes and rules governing CPRIT.

Court Reporters Certification Advisory Board (Judicial Branch Certification Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 966](#), Section 1.03. The new entity is established in Section 154.051, Government Code, which contains revised language relating to the Court Reporters Certification Board, which was abolished by Senate Bill 966.

Effective: September 1, 2014

Function: Advises the Judicial Branch Certification Commission created by Senate Bill 966 on matters relating to the certification of court reporters and the registration of shorthand reporting firms

Composition (at least 7 members): The advisory board is composed of at least seven members appointed by the supreme court as follows:

- 1 active district judge presiding over a court that employs an official court reporter
- 1 active attorney licensed in Texas who has been a practicing member of the state bar for more than the five years immediately preceding the attorney’s appointment to the advisory board
- 2 active official court reporters who have practiced shorthand reporting in Texas for more than the five years immediately preceding their appointment to the advisory board
- 2 active certified shorthand reporters who work on a freelance basis and who have practiced shorthand reporting for more than the five years immediately preceding their appointment to the advisory board
- 1 representative of a shorthand reporting firm that has operated as a shorthand reporting firm in Texas for more than the three years immediately preceding the representative’s appointment to the advisory board

The member who is an active district judge serves as the presiding officer. Appointments must be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee. Members serve staggered six-year terms as ordered by the supreme court.

Customer Advisory Committee ([Department of Information Resources](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 2472](#), Section 4

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function: Reports to and advises the governing board of the Department of Information Resources (DIR) on the status of DIR’s delivery of critical statewide services

Composition (unspecified number of members): The DIR governing board makes appointments to the advisory committee and the committee is composed of representatives of customers who receive services from each of DIR’s key programs, including state agencies with fewer than 100 employees, and the public. In making appointments to the advisory committee, the governing board must, to the extent practicable, ensure that the committee is composed of a cross section of DIR’s customers, including institutions of higher education and the public.

Education Research Center Advisory Board ([Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 2103](#), Section 4

Effective: June 14, 2013

Function:

- Reviews proposals to conduct education and workforce preparation studies or evaluations at an education research center and ensures appropriate data use, including compliance with applicable state and federal laws governing use of and access to the data

- Approves in advance by majority vote each study or evaluation conducted at an education research center. In determining whether to approve a proposed study or evaluation, the advisory board must:
 - Consider the potential of the proposed research to benefit education in the state
 - Require each center director or designee to review and approve the proposed research design and methods to be used in the proposed study or evaluation
 - Consider the extent to which the data required to complete the proposed study or evaluation is not readily available from other data sources

Composition (unspecified number of members):

- 1 representative of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board designated by the commissioner of higher education
- 1 representative of the Texas Education Agency designated by the commissioner of education
- 1 representative of the Texas Workforce Commission designated by the commission
- The director of each education research center or the director’s designee
- 1 representative of preschool, elementary, or secondary education

The commissioner of higher education creates, chairs, and maintains the advisory board.

Employment-First Task Force for Individuals with Disabilities
 ([Health and Human Services Commission](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1226](#), Section 1

Effective: June 14, 2013. Creation of the new entity is required by Senate Bill 1226, which also authorizes the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission to use an existing committee or task force for purposes of the bill’s provisions.

Function:

- Promotes competitive employment of individuals with disabilities and the expectation that individuals with disabilities are able to meet the same employment standards, responsibilities, and expectations as any other working-age adult
- Designs an education and outreach process targeted at working-age individuals with disabilities that is aimed at raising expectations of the success of individuals with disabilities in integrated, individualized, and competitive employment
- Develops recommendations for policy, procedure, and rules changes that are necessary to allow an employment-first policy to be fully implemented

- Prepares and submits to the office of the governor, the legislature, and the executive commissioner not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year a report regarding the task force’s findings and recommendations

Composition (at least 12 members): If the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission establishes the task force, the executive commissioner must determine the number of members on the task force, designate a member to serve as presiding officer, and appoint at least the following members:

- 1 individual with a disability
- 1 family member of an individual with a disability
- 1 representative of the Health and Human Services Commission
- 1 representative of the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
- 1 representative of the Department of State Health Services
- 1 representative of the Department of Aging and Disability Services
- 1 representative of the Department of Family and Protective Services
- 1 representative of the Texas Workforce Commission
- 1 representative of the Texas Education Agency
- 1 advocate for individuals with disabilities
- 1 representative of a provider of integrated and competitive employment services
- 1 employer or a representative of an employer in an industry in which individuals with disabilities might be employed

At least one-third of a task force established by the executive commissioner must be composed of individuals with disabilities and no more than one-third of the task force may be composed of advocates for individuals with disabilities.

Expanded Learning Opportunities Council (Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 503](#), Section 1

Effective: June 14, 2013

Function:

- Studies issues concerning expanded learning opportunities for the state’s public school students and makes recommendations to address those issues
- In conducting studies, focuses on innovative, hands-on learning approaches that complement rather than replicate the regular school curriculum

- Studies current research and best practices related to meaningful expanded learning opportunities
- Analyzes the availability of and unmet needs for state and local programs for expanded learning opportunities for public school students
- Analyzes opportunities to create incentives for businesses to support expanded learning opportunities programs for public school students
- Analyzes opportunities to maximize charitable support for public and private partnerships for expanded learning opportunities programs for public school students
- Analyzes opportunities to promote science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in expanded learning opportunities programs for public school students
- Studies the future workforce needs of the state’s businesses and other employers
- Performs other duties consistent with the provisions of Senate Bill 503
- Develops a comprehensive statewide action plan for the improvement of expanded learning opportunities for public school students in the state, including a timeline for plan implementation
- Submits to the governor, both houses of the legislature, and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) on or before November 1 of each even-numbered year a written report concerning:
 - The status of the development or implementation of the council’s statewide action plan
 - Any action taken to further development or implementation of the plan
 - Any area that needs improvement in implementing the plan
 - Any recommended change to the plan
 - Programs and services that address expanded learning opportunities outside of the regular school day

Composition (13 members total): The commissioner of education appoints members as follows:

- 2 public members, including a representative of the business community and the parent of a public school student participating in an expanded learning opportunities program in the state
- 2 members who are involved in research-based expanded learning opportunities efforts in the state, including efforts to extend the school day or school year and to provide out of school time before or after the regular school day or during the period in which school is recessed for the summer

- 1 member representing law enforcement
- 1 member representing TEA
- 1 member who is an educator, other than a superintendent, at the elementary school level
- 1 member who is an educator, other than a superintendent, at the middle or junior high school level
- 1 member who is an educator, other than a superintendent, at the high school level
- 1 member who is a public school superintendent
- 1 member representing a foundation that invests in expanded learning opportunities
- 1 member representing a nonprofit organization that provides programs concerning good nutrition and prevention of or intervention to address childhood obesity
- 1 member who is a provider representing summer camps

Expiration date: September 1, 2017, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Fingerprinting Practices of Juvenile Probation Departments Advisory Committee ([Texas Juvenile Justice Department](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1769](#), Sections 1-6

Effective: June 14, 2013

Function: Examines the fingerprinting practices of juvenile probation departments and develops a plan to end the practice of fingerprinting children referred to a juvenile probation department for delinquent conduct, other than felony conduct. The plan must ensure that public safety and due process rights are protected and must be submitted to the Texas Juvenile Justice Board not later than December 1, 2014.

Composition (unspecified number of members): The Texas Juvenile Justice Board appoints members who are interested parties, including:

- Chief juvenile probation officers
- Juvenile prosecutors
- Juvenile defense attorneys
- Peace officers
- Representatives of the Department of Family and Protective Services
- Juvenile justice advocates

- Members of the public

The board designates one of the members as presiding officer of the advisory committee.

Expiration date: January 1, 2015

Guardianship Certification Advisory Board (Judicial Branch Certification Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 966](#), Section 1.05. The new entity is established in Section 155.051, Government Code, which contains revised language relating to the Guardianship Certification Board, which was abolished by Senate Bill 966.

Effective: September 1, 2014

Function: Advises the Judicial Branch Certification Commission created by Senate Bill 966 on matters relating to minimum standards for guardianship services and the certification of certain guardians

Composition (at least 5 members): The advisory board is composed of at least five members appointed by the supreme court who serve staggered six-year terms as ordered by the supreme court. Appointments must be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee. The supreme court appoints a presiding officer who serves for two years.

House Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures, and Finance

Legislation: [House Bill 1](#), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2013, Section 4

Effective: Creation is effective on the date of the official canvass of returns showing adoption of the constitutional amendment on which House Bill 1 was contingent.

Function:

- Reviews, studies, and evaluates the following:
 - The future reliability of all current state transportation funding sources
 - Alternatives that may increase available state funding for surface transportation
 - The use of debt financing in state transportation funding
 - Alternative transportation funding options in use nationally and internationally
 - Current and historic appropriations to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
 - The uses of the state highway fund for agencies other than TxDOT

- The original purpose of the economic stabilization fund established by the Texas Constitution, whether that purpose remains relevant, and whether it remains appropriate to continue using the net amount of oil and gas production taxes received in the 1987 state fiscal year as the basis for making general revenue transfers to the economic stabilization fund
- Acts jointly with the Senate Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures, and Finance to adopt recommendations related to the reviewed subjects and provides to the legislature not later than November 1, 2014, a written report of the committees' recommendations on the reviewed subjects

Composition (9 members total): The speaker of the house appoints nine state representatives and designates one of them as chair.

Expiration date: January 13, 2015

See also Senate Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures, and Finance (page 28).

Intellectual and Developmental Disability System Redesign

Advisory Committee

([Health and Human Services Commission](#) and [Department of Aging and Disability Services](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 7](#), Sections 1.01 and 3.01

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function: Advises the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) on the implementation of the system redesign for delivery of Medicaid acute care services and long-term services and supports to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Composition (unspecified number of members): The executive commissioner of HHSC and the commissioner of DADS jointly appoint advisory committee members who are stakeholders from the intellectual and developmental disabilities community, including:

- Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are recipients of services under the Medicaid waiver programs, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are recipients of services under the ICF-IID program, and individuals who are advocates of those recipients, including at least three representatives from intellectual and developmental disability advocacy organizations
- Representatives of Medicaid managed care and nonmanaged care health care providers, including:
 - Physicians who are primary care providers and physicians who are specialty care providers
 - Nonphysician mental health professionals

- Providers of long-term services and supports, including direct service workers
- Representatives of entities with responsibilities for the delivery of Medicaid long-term services and supports or other Medicaid program service delivery, including:
 - Representatives of aging and disability resource centers established under the Aging and Disability Resource Center initiative funded in part by the federal Administration on Aging and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
 - Representatives of community mental health and intellectual disability centers
 - Representatives of and service coordinators or case managers from private and public home and community-based services providers that serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
 - Representatives of private and public ICF-IID providers
- Representatives of managed care organizations contracting with the state to provide services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities

To the greatest extent possible, the executive commissioner of HHSC and the commissioner of DADS must appoint members who reflect the geographic diversity of Texas and include members who represent rural Medicaid program recipients. The executive commissioner of HHSC appoints the presiding officer.

Expiration date: January 1, 2024

Interagency Prescription Monitoring Work Group

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1643](#), Section 4

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function:

- Evaluates the effectiveness of prescription monitoring under the Texas Controlled Substances Act
- Offers recommendations to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of recordkeeping and other functions related to the regulation of dispensing controlled substances by prescription
- Submits to the legislature not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year its recommendations relating to prescription monitoring

The work group must proactively engage stakeholders and must solicit and take into account public input.

Composition (6 members total):

- The director of the Department of Public Safety or the director’s designee
- The commissioner of state health services or the commissioner’s designee

- The executive director of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy or the executive director's designee
- The executive director of the Texas Medical Board or the executive director's designee
- The executive director of the Texas Board of Nursing or the executive director's designee
- The executive director of the Texas Physician Assistant Board or the executive director's designee

Joint Interim Committee on Judicial Selection

Legislation: [House Bill 2772](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: June 14, 2013

Function: The joint interim committee, taking into consideration certain relevant information, must:

- Study and review the method by which the following judicial officers are selected in the state:
 - Statutory county court judges, including statutory probate court judges
 - District judges
 - Appellate justices and judges
- Report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house not later than January 6, 2015, the committee's findings and recommendations, including specific constitutional and statutory changes that appear necessary from the results of the committee's study

Composition (12 members total):

- The chair of the senate jurisprudence committee
- The chair of the senate criminal justice committee
- 4 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- The chair of the judiciary and civil jurisprudence committee of the house of representatives
- The chair of the criminal jurisprudence committee of the house of representatives
- 4 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

When making appointments, the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house, respectively, must ensure that three state senators and three state representatives from the majority and minority parties of the senate and house of representatives are appointed to the committee. The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house each designate a co-chair from among the committee members.

Expiration date: January 12, 2015

Joint Interim Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System

Legislation: [House Bill 3459](#), Section 8

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function:

- Conducts a study of:
 - The effectiveness of the implementation of the changes in law made by House Bill 3459 to Natural Resources Code provisions governing the use and maintenance of public beaches
 - The feasibility and desirability of creating and maintaining a coastal barrier system in the state that includes a series of gates and barriers to prevent storm surge damage to gulf beaches or coastal ports, industry, or property and of authorizing coastal property owners to grant easements to governmental entities to construct and maintain stabilized dunes in connection with or separately from the system
- Reports to the governor and the legislature not later than December 1, 2014, regarding the findings of the study and any recommendations developed by the committee

Composition (unspecified number of members):

- The members of the standing committee of the senate that has primary jurisdiction over natural resources
- The members of the standing committee of the house of representatives that has primary jurisdiction over land and resource management
- 2 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor, each of whom represents a district in a county that borders the Gulf of Mexico
- 2 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, each of whom represents a district in a county that borders the Gulf of Mexico

The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house jointly designate a chair or, alternatively, designate two co-chairs from among the committee membership.

Judicial Branch Certification Commission

([Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 966](#), Section 1.01

Effective: September 1, 2014

Function:

- Administers and enforces Government Code provisions relating to the regulation of court professions, including provisions relating to court reporters, shorthand reporting firms, guardians, process servers, and court interpreters

- Sets fees in amounts reasonable and necessary to cover the costs of administering the programs or activities administered by the commission, including examinations and issuance and renewal of certifications, registrations, and licenses
- In consultation with appropriate advisory boards:
 - Develops and recommends rules to the supreme court
 - Develops and recommends to the supreme court a code of ethics for each profession regulated by the commission
 - Establishes qualifications for certification, registration, and licensing of court professions regulated by the commission

Composition (9 members total): The supreme court appoints commission members as follows:

- 5 judges, at least three of whom must be active judges who preside over a court that employs an official court reporter
- 1 public member selected from a list of nominees submitted by the Court Reporters Certification Advisory Board
- 1 public member selected from a list of nominees submitted by the Guardianship Certification Advisory Board
- 1 public member selected from a list of nominees submitted by the Process Server Certification Advisory Board
- 1 public member selected from a list of nominees submitted by the Licensed Court Interpreter Advisory Board

In appointing the public members, the supreme court may reject one or more of the nominees included on a list submitted by an advisory board and request a new list of nominees that does not include any nominees in the previous list. The supreme court may appoint a public member selected by the supreme court if an advisory board fails to provide the list of nominees in the time required by the supreme court or if a selected nominee does not otherwise meet the required qualifications.

A member must be knowledgeable about the professions certified by the commission. Appointments must be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee. Members serve staggered six-year terms and the terms of three members expire on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. The supreme court designates the presiding officer.

Expiration: The commission is subject to review under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act), but is not abolished under that chapter.

Legislative Committee to Review the Texas Lottery and Texas Lottery Commission

Legislation: [House Bill 2197](#), Section 10

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function:

- Studies charitable bingo authorized under the Bingo Enabling Act and the distribution of charitable bingo revenue, including:
 - The portion of the total amount of charitable bingo revenue collected by a licensed authorized organization that the organization should be required to use for the charitable purposes of the organization
 - Any detrimental impact to the organization, or other policy considerations, related to the establishment of mandatory distribution requirements for charitable bingo revenue
 - Market-based approaches to conducting and administering bingo operations and revenues that maximize the availability of funds to be used for charitable purposes
- Studies the elimination of the state lottery, including:
 - Development of a proposed schedule and process for phasing out the state lottery
 - Any potential consequences detrimental to the state of phasing out the state lottery or of the proposed schedule and process
 - The potential impact of eliminating the state lottery on the state's biennial budget and on any programs funded by the state lottery
 - Any other concerns identified by the committee related to eliminating the state lottery
- Reports its findings and recommendations to the legislature, with the initial report due not later than December 1, 2014

Composition (10 members total):

- 5 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 5 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house each name a co-chair of the committee from among the members appointed by each officer.

Expiration date: September 1, 2015

Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 495](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function:

- Studies and reviews cases of pregnancy-related deaths and trends in severe maternal morbidity
- Determines the feasibility of the task force studying cases of severe maternal morbidity
- Makes recommendations to help reduce the incidence of pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity in Texas

The task force and the Department of State Health Services may consult with relevant experts, stakeholders, and representatives of state professional associations and organizations and must submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and appropriate committees of the legislature not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year a joint report on the task force's findings and recommendations.

Composition (15 members total):

- 13 members appointed by the commissioner of state health services as follows:
 - 4 physicians specializing in obstetrics, at least one of whom is a maternal fetal medicine specialist
 - 1 certified nurse-midwife
 - 1 registered nurse
 - 1 physician specializing in family practice
 - 1 physician specializing in psychiatry
 - 1 physician specializing in pathology
 - 1 epidemiologist, biostatistician, or researcher of pregnancy-related deaths
 - 1 social worker or social service provider
 - 1 community advocate in a relevant field
 - 1 medical examiner or coroner responsible for recording deaths
- 1 representative of the department's family and community health programs

- The state epidemiologist for the department or the epidemiologist’s designee

In appointing members to the task force, the commissioner must:

- Include members working in and representing communities that are diverse with regard to race, ethnicity, immigration status, and English proficiency and from differing geographic regions in the state
- Endeavor to include members who are working in and representing communities that are affected by pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity and by a lack of access to relevant perinatal and intrapartum care services
- Ensure that the composition of the task force reflects the state’s racial, ethnic, and linguistic diversity

The commissioner appoints a presiding officer from among the task force members. Task force members serve staggered six-year terms and the terms of four or five members, as appropriate, expire February 1 of each odd-numbered year. A task force member may serve more than one term.

Expiration date: September 1, 2019, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Military Base Realignment and Closure Task Force ([Texas Military Preparedness Commission](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1200](#), Section 6

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function: The Texas Military Preparedness Commission establishes the task force to:

- Seek advice to prepare for possible action by the United States Department of Defense related to the realignment or closure of military installations in Texas
- Confer with defense communities and military installations located in Texas to identify strategies, policies, plans, projects, and other ways to improve base realignment scores
- Advise and make recommendations to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission and the legislature on any strategy, policy, plan, project, or action the task force believes will strengthen the defense communities and military installations in Texas and prevent the closure or a significant reduction of the operations of the military installations

Composition (up to 7 members): The task force must consist of not more than seven members who have demonstrated experience or expertise in the United States Department of Defense’s base realignment and closure process.

Office of Small Business Assistance Advisory Task Force (Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office)

Legislation: [House Bill 3714](#), Section 1

Effective: June 14, 2013

Function:

- Assists the Office of Small Business Assistance with its duties relating to businesses that employ at least 25 but not more than 250 individuals
- Advises the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house on issues that relate to small businesses
- Provides information in plain language to the public on issues related to small businesses, including:
 - Environmental permitting and compliance
 - Local regulations
 - Construction permitting
 - Duties of the comptroller of public accounts relating to small businesses
 - Formation of business entities
- Submits to the legislature not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year a report that describes issues related to small businesses and proposes legislation to assist small businesses

Composition (7 members total):

- 3 members appointed by the governor
- 2 members appointed by the speaker of the house
- 2 members appointed by the lieutenant governor

A task force member serves a two-year term and may be reappointed for additional terms.

Outpatient Mental Health Services and Beds in State Hospitals Allocation Plan Advisory Panel (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [House Bill 3793](#), Section 3

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function: Assists the Department of State Health Services in the development of a plan to allocate outpatient mental health services and beds in Texas state hospitals for patients who voluntarily receive mental health services or who are ordered by a court to receive those services in civil or criminal proceedings. The department and the advisory panel must consider certain relevant information in developing the plan.

Composition (17 members total):

- 1 representative designated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- 1 representative designated by the Texas Association of Counties
- 2 representatives designated by the Texas Council of Community Centers, including one representative of an urban local service area and one representative of a rural local service area
- 2 representatives designated by the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas, including one representative who is the presiding judge of a court with jurisdiction over mental health matters
- 1 representative designated by the Sheriffs’ Association of Texas
- 2 representatives designated by the Texas Municipal League, including one representative who is a municipal law enforcement official
- 1 representative designated by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties
- 2 representatives designated by the Texas Hospital Association, including one representative who is a physician
- 1 representative designated by the Texas Catalyst for Empowerment
- 4 representatives designated by the Department of State Health Services’ Council for Advising and Planning for the Prevention and Treatment of Mental and Substance Use Disorders

Perinatal Advisory Council
([Health and Human Services Commission](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 15](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function:

- Develops and recommends, within certain parameters, criteria for designating levels of neonatal and maternal care, including specifying the minimum requirements to qualify for each level of care
- Develops and recommends a process for the assignment of levels of care to a hospital for neonatal and maternal care
- Makes recommendations for the division of the state into neonatal and maternal care regions
- Examines utilization trends relating to neonatal and maternal care
- Makes recommendations related to improving neonatal and maternal outcomes

- Submits to the Department of State Health Services and the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) not later than September 1, 2015, a report detailing the advisory council's determinations and recommendations
- Continues to update its recommendations based on any relevant scientific or medical developments

Composition (17 members total): Medical representatives on the council must be licensed under Texas law. Membership is as follows:

- 4 physicians specializing in neonatology, including:
 - At least 2 physicians who practice in a Level III or IV neonatal intensive care unit
 - At least 1 physician who practices in a neonatal intensive care unit of a hospital located in a rural area
- 1 physician specializing in general pediatrics
- 2 physicians specializing in obstetrics-gynecology
- 2 physicians specializing in maternal fetal medicine
- 1 physician specializing in family practice who provides obstetrical care in a rural community
- 1 registered nurse with expertise in maternal health care delivery
- 1 registered nurse with expertise in perinatal health care delivery
- 1 representative from a children's hospital
- 1 representative from a hospital with a Level II neonatal intensive care unit
- 1 representative from a rural hospital
- 1 representative from a general hospital
- 1 ex officio representative from the office of the medical director of HHSC

To the extent possible, the executive commissioner of HHSC must appoint members to the advisory council who previously served on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Council established under Chapter 818 ([House Bill 2636](#)), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011. With the exception of the ex officio member, members serve staggered three-year terms.

Expiration date: September 1, 2025, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Private Industry-Government Council on Cybersecurity ([Department of Information Resources](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1102](#), Section 1

Effective: May 10, 2013. Creation is authorized, not mandated.

Function: Collaborates with private industry and government representatives on matters of cybersecurity in Texas

Composition (unspecified number of members): The state cybersecurity coordinator appointed under Senate Bill 1102 may establish the council, which includes public and private sector leaders and cybersecurity practitioners.

Process Server Certification Advisory Board (Judicial Branch Certification Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 966](#), Section 1.06

Effective: September 1, 2014

Function: Advises the Judicial Branch Certification Commission created by Senate Bill 966 on matters relating to the certification of process servers

Composition (at least 5 members): The advisory board is composed of at least five members appointed by the supreme court who serve staggered six-year terms as ordered by the supreme court. Appointments must be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee. The supreme court appoints a presiding officer who serves for two years.

Procurement Coordination Committee ([Department of Information Resources](#) and [Comptroller of Public Accounts](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 2472](#), Section 16

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function:

- Identifies the following:
 - Areas of overlap in the procurement functions of the Department of Information Resources (DIR) and the comptroller of public accounts and methods to avoid duplication of services
 - Mutually beneficial contracting and procurement methodologies, data collection and management techniques, and customer relations management
 - Opportunities for collaboration on procurement functions that would benefit the state or other customers
 - Opportunities for consolidation of administrative or other functions to improve customer service and reduce operating costs

- Develops the following:
 - A standardized method for DIR and the comptroller to collect and analyze spending data relating to procurement contracts and to benchmark and qualitatively measure cost savings and increased administrative efficiency resulting from collaboration and cooperative purchasing
 - Strategies that encourage coordination between DIR and the comptroller relating to procurement functions
- Until October 1, 2019, reports every two years to the Sunset Advisory Commission on the committee's findings, with the first report required to be filed on September 1, 2015

Composition (unspecified number of members): DIR and the comptroller establish the committee, which is composed of essential DIR and comptroller personnel. The committee may appoint advisory members as appropriate to assist the committee.

Protect Our Kids Commission

Legislation: [Senate Bill 66](#), Section 3

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function:

- Studies the relationship between child protective services and child welfare services and the rate of child abuse and neglect fatalities
- Identifies promising practices and evidence-based strategies to address and reduce fatalities from child abuse and neglect
- Develops recommendations and identifies resources necessary to reduce fatalities from child abuse and neglect for implementation by state and local agencies and private sector and nonprofit organizations, including recommendations to implement a comprehensive statewide strategy for reducing those fatalities
- Develops guidelines for the types of information that should be tracked to improve interventions to prevent fatalities from child abuse and neglect
- Submits to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house not later than December 1, 2015, a report containing the commission's findings and a complete explanation of each of the commission's recommendations, proposed legislation necessary to implement those recommendations, and any administrative recommendations proposed by the commission

Composition (15 members total):

- 6 members appointed by the governor, one of whom must be designated as presiding officer
- 3 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 members appointed by the speaker of the house

- 1 member with experience in behavioral health and substance abuse appointed by the commissioner of the Department of State Health Services
- 1 member who represents the Department of Family and Protective Services appointed by the commissioner of the department
- 1 member who represents the Office of Title V and Family Health of the Department of State Health Services appointed by the office director

Each member appointed to the commission must have experience relating to the study of the relationship between child protective services and child welfare services and child abuse and neglect fatalities. In making appointments to the commission, each appointing authority must make every effort to select individuals whose expertise is not already represented by other members of the commission and who reflect the geographical, cultural, racial, and ethnic diversity of Texas.

Expiration date: December 31, 2015

Red River Boundary Commission

Legislation: [House Bill 3212](#), Sections 4 and 5

Effective: June 14, 2013

Function: Confers and acts jointly with representatives appointed on behalf of the State of Oklahoma to:

- Evaluate the methods, surveys, historical maps, and other information used to establish the boundary line between Texas and Oklahoma in the Texoma area
- Determine the location of the south bank of the Red River as the bank was located and marked by the United States Army Corps of Engineers before the beginning of construction of Lake Texoma, in accordance with the Red River Boundary Compact
- Redraw the boundary line between Texas and Oklahoma in the Texoma area in order to negate any effects the boundary as it is currently drawn has on property interests in the Texoma area, in accordance with:
 - The Lake Texoma preconstruction survey of the south bank of the Red River prepared by the United States Army Corps of Engineers or
 - Other historical records or documentation of the United States Army Corps of Engineers identifying the location of the south bank of the Red River, if the preconstruction survey is unavailable
- Hold hearings and conferences in Texas and in Oklahoma as necessary to accomplish the commission's purposes
- Take other action, alone or in cooperation with Oklahoma or the United States, necessary to accomplish the commission's purposes

In addition, the commission:

- Reports to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and appropriate committees of the legislature not later than January 15, 2015, on the commission's findings and recommendations concerning joint action by Texas and Oklahoma regarding amendment of the Texoma Area Boundary Agreement to incorporate the boundary between Texas and Oklahoma in the Texoma area as redrawn
- Issues a final report to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and appropriate committees of the legislature not later than July 30, 2015

Composition (5 members total): Commission members are appointed by the governor to represent:

- Private property owners
- Local governments
- State elected officials
- The general public

The governor designates one member as the presiding officer.

Expiration date: December 31, 2015

School Safety Task Force

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1556](#), Section 1

Effective: June 14, 2013

Function: The task force, which must consult with and consider recommendations from school district and school personnel, is established to:

- Study, on an ongoing basis, best practices for school multihazard emergency operations planning and, based on those studies, make recommendations to the legislature, the Texas School Safety Center, and the governor's office of homeland security
- Prepare and submit to the legislature not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year a report concerning the results of the task force's most recent study, including any recommendations for statutory changes the task force considers necessary or appropriate to improve school multihazard emergency operations

Composition (4 members total):

- The chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management, or the chief's designee, who serves as the presiding officer of the task force
- The training director of the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center at Texas State University--San Marcos or the training director's designee
- The chairperson of the Texas School Safety Center or the chairperson's designee

- The agency director of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service or the agency director's designee

Expiration date: September 1, 2017

Select Committee to Determine Sufficient Economic Stabilization Fund Balance

Legislation: [House Bill 1](#), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2013, Section 3

Effective: Creation is effective on the date of the official canvass of returns showing adoption of the constitutional amendment on which House Bill 1 was contingent.

Function: Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year preceding 2024, the committee must determine and adopt for the next state fiscal biennium a sufficient balance of the economic stabilization fund in an amount that the committee estimates will ensure an appropriate amount of revenue available in the fund. In determining a sufficient fund balance for a fiscal biennium, the committee must consider the following:

- The history of fund balances
- The history of transfers to the fund
- Estimated fund balances during that fiscal biennium
- Estimated transfers to the fund to occur during that fiscal biennium
- Information available to the committee regarding state highway congestion and funding demands
- Any other information requested by the committee regarding the state's financial condition

Composition (10 members total):

- 5 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
- 5 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor

The speaker of the house and the lieutenant governor appoint the committee not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year preceding 2024.

Expiration date: December 31, 2024

Note: The speaker of the house and the lieutenant governor must appoint a select committee as soon as practicable after the canvass of the November 4, 2014, election to determine and adopt the sufficient fund balances for the 2015 state fiscal year and for the next state fiscal biennium. The expiration date of this initial committee is September 1, 2015.

Select Interim Committee to Study Ethics Laws

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1773](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function:

- Conducts a study of the statutes and regulations relating to ethics, including campaign finance laws, lobby laws, and personal financial disclosure laws. The study must consider:
 - The purposes of the current laws and whether the laws accomplish those purposes
 - The effectiveness of the current laws
 - What changes, if any, should be made to more effectively accomplish the purposes of the laws
- Reports the committee's findings and recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house not later than December 20, 2014

Composition (9 members total):

- 4 members appointed by the lieutenant governor as follows:
 - 3 state senators, one of whom the lieutenant governor designates as co-chair of the committee
 - 1 public member
- 4 members appointed by the speaker of the house as follows:
 - 3 state representatives, one of whom the speaker designates as co-chair of the committee
 - 1 public member
- The presiding officer of the Texas Ethics Commission

Expiration date: December 21, 2014

Senate Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures, and Finance

Legislation: [House Bill 1](#), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2013, Section 4

Effective: Creation is effective on the date of the official canvass of returns showing adoption of the constitutional amendment on which House Bill 1 was contingent.

Function:

- Reviews, studies, and evaluates the following:
 - The future reliability of all current state transportation funding sources

- Alternatives that may increase available state funding for surface transportation
- The use of debt financing in state transportation funding
- Alternative transportation funding options in use nationally and internationally
- Current and historic appropriations to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
- The uses of the state highway fund for agencies other than TxDOT
- The original purpose of the economic stabilization fund as established by the Texas Constitution, whether that purpose remains relevant, and whether it remains appropriate to continue using the net amount of oil and gas production taxes received in the 1987 state fiscal year as the basis for making general revenue transfers to the economic stabilization fund
- Acts jointly with the House Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures, and Finance to adopt recommendations related to the reviewed subjects and provides to the legislature not later than November 1, 2014, a written report of the committees' recommendations on the reviewed subjects

Composition (9 members total): The lieutenant governor appoints nine state senators and designates one of them as chair.

Expiration date: January 13, 2015

See also House Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures, and Finance (page 11).

STAR + PLUS Nursing Facility Advisory Committee ([Health and Human Services Commission](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 7](#), Sections 2.02, 2.16, and 2.17

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function: Advises the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on its duties relating to the provision of Medicaid benefits through the STAR + PLUS Medicaid managed care program to recipients who reside in nursing facilities, including duties relating to:

- Developing quality-based outcomes and process measures for long-term services and supports provided in nursing facilities
- Developing quality-based long-term care payment systems and quality initiatives for nursing facilities
- Transparency of information received from managed care organizations
- The reporting of outcome and process measures

- The sharing of data among health and human services agencies
- Patient care coordination, quality of care improvement, and cost savings

Composition (15 members total): The governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house each appoint five members as follows:

- 1 member who is a physician and medical director of a nursing facility provider with experience providing the long-term continuum of care, including home care and hospice
- 1 member who is a nonprofit nursing facility provider
- 1 member who is a for-profit nursing facility provider
- 1 member who is a consumer representative
- 1 member who is from a managed care organization providing services through the STAR + PLUS Medicaid managed care program to recipients who reside in nursing facilities

The executive commissioner of HHSC appoints the presiding officer.

Expiration date: September 1, 2016

STAR + PLUS Quality Council ([Health and Human Services Commission](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 7](#), Sections 2.03 and 2.13

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function:

- Advises the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on the development of policy recommendations that will ensure eligible recipients receive quality, person-centered, consumer-directed acute care services and long-term services and supports in an integrated setting under the STAR + PLUS Medicaid managed care program
- Submits to the executive commissioner of HHSC not later than November 1 of each year a report that includes:
 - An analysis and assessment of the quality of acute care services and long-term services and supports provided under the STAR + PLUS Medicaid managed care program
 - Recommendations to improve the quality of services and supports provided under the program
 - Recommendations to ensure that recipients eligible to receive services and supports under the program receive person-centered, consumer-directed care in the most integrated setting achievable

Composition (unspecified number of members): The executive commissioner of HHSC appoints the members of the council and the members must be stakeholders from the acute care services and long-term services and supports community, including:

- Representatives of health and human services agencies
- Recipients under the STAR + PLUS Medicaid managed care program
- Representatives of advocacy groups representing individuals with disabilities and seniors who are recipients under the STAR + PLUS Medicaid managed care program
- Representatives of service providers for individuals with disabilities
- Representatives of health maintenance organizations

The executive commissioner of HHSC appoints the presiding officer.

Expiration date: January 1, 2017

STAR Kids Managed Care Advisory Committee ([Health and Human Services Commission](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 7](#), Section 2.02

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function: Advises the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on the establishment and implementation of the STAR Kids managed care program, which is established under Senate Bill 7

Composition (unspecified number of members):

- Families whose children will receive private duty nursing under the STAR Kids managed care program
- Health care providers
- Providers of home and community-based services, including at least one private duty nursing provider and one pediatric therapy provider
- Other stakeholders as the executive commissioner of HHSC determines appropriate

The executive commissioner of HHSC appoints all members, including the presiding officer.

Expiration date: September 1, 2016

State Water Implementation Fund for Texas Advisory Committee ([Texas Water Development Board](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 4](#), Sections 2.02 and 2.22

Effective: Creation is effective on the date of the official canvass of returns showing adoption of the constitutional amendment on which House Bill 4 was contingent.

Function:

- Submits comments, recommendations, and evaluations to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for use by the TWDB in adopting rules relating to the use of money in the state water implementation fund for Texas (SWIFT)
- Reviews the overall operation, function, and structure of the SWIFT at least semiannually
- Makes recommendations to the TWDB regarding information to be posted on the TWDB's website about the use of the SWIFT
- Evaluates the feasibility of the state owning, constructing, and operating water supply projects, including reservoirs and major water supply conveyance infrastructure, through existing financial assistance programs or other mechanisms and may provide comments or recommendations on such feasibility
- Makes recommendations to the TWDB to improve the participation level of historically underutilized businesses if the aggregate level of that participation in projects that receive SWIFT funding related to a bond enhancement agreement does not meet statewide annual goals adopted under state law

Composition (7 members total):

- The comptroller of public accounts or the comptroller's designee
- 3 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor, including:
 - 1 member of the senate committee having primary jurisdiction over matters relating to finance
 - 1 member of the senate committee having primary jurisdiction over natural resources
- 3 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, including:
 - 1 member of the house committee having primary jurisdiction over appropriations
 - 1 member of the house committee having primary jurisdiction over natural resources

An appointed member serves at the will of the person who appointed the member. The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house each appoint a co-presiding officer of the advisory committee.

Expiration date: September 1, 2023, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Task Force on Domestic Violence ([Health and Human Services Commission](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 2620](#), Section 1

Effective: June 14, 2013

Function:

- Examines the impact of domestic violence on maternal and infant mortality, the health of mothers, and the health and development of fetuses, infants, and children
- Identifies the health care services available to children age two and younger and mothers and explores opportunities for improving the ability of those services to address domestic violence
- Identifies methods to effectively include domestic violence information and support in educational standards for educators and protocols for health care providers
- Investigates and makes recommendations relating to the coordination of health care services for children age two and younger and pregnant and postpartum women who are victims of domestic violence, including recommendations for improving early screening and detection and public awareness efforts
- Submits to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, the presiding officers of the standing committees of the legislature having primary jurisdiction over health and human services, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), and the commissioner of state health services a report containing the findings and recommendations of the task force and a description of the task force's activities

Composition (25 members total): Members are appointed by the executive commissioner of HHSC as follows:

- 4 representatives of family violence centers from different geographic regions in the state, including both rural and urban areas
- 1 representative of a statewide family violence advocacy organization
- 1 representative of a statewide association of obstetricians and gynecologists
- 2 representatives of the family and community health programs in the Department of State Health Services
- 1 representative of a statewide sexual assault advocacy organization
- 1 representative of HHSC's Texas Home Visiting Program
- 1 representative of a statewide association of midwifery
- 1 representative of a statewide family physician's association
- 1 representative of a statewide nursing association

- 1 representative of a statewide hospital association
- 1 representative of a statewide pediatric medical association
- 1 representative of a statewide medical association
- 1 representative of The University of Texas School of Social Work Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- 1 representative of The University of Texas School of Law Domestic Violence Clinic
- 1 representative of the governor’s EMS and Trauma Advisory Council
- 1 representative of a Department of Family and Protective Services prevention and early intervention program
- 1 representative of a statewide osteopathic medical association
- 1 representative of a statewide association of community health services
- 1 representative of the office of the attorney general
- 1 representative from a medical school or a teaching hospital in the state who is either an attending physician of the hospital or a faculty member of the medical school
- 1 representative of HHSC’s Family Violence Program

The executive commissioner of HHSC appoints a task force member to serve as the presiding officer.

Expiration date: January 1, 2016

Texas 2036 Commission

Legislation: [House Bill 2036](#), Section 1

Effective: June 14, 2013

Function: The commission, with an emphasis on the changing demographics of the state, must:

- Assess and identify future higher education and workforce needs in the state and the state’s ability to meet those needs
- Develop recommendations for meeting those needs by the state’s bicentennial in 2036, including recommendations for achieving the following goals by that date:
 - Attaining a state workforce in which at least 60 percent of its workers hold a postsecondary credential, certificate, or degree of value in the workplace
 - Increasing by at least three the number of institutions of higher education designated as research institutions under the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s accountability system

- Ensuring the alignment of workforce development with higher education in the state
- Increasing the college-attending population in the state to a level that is comparable to the best performing states on that measure
- Improving the affordability of higher education in the state while maintaining excellence
- Ensuring the global competitiveness of the state workforce
- Report to the legislature not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year the commission’s assessment of the state’s ability to meet the future higher education and workforce needs of the state and the commission’s recommendations for meeting those needs

Composition (11 members total):

- The presiding officers of legislative standing committees in each house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over higher education, who serve as presiding officers of the commission
- The commissioner of higher education
- The chair of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- The chair of the Texas Workforce Commission
- The chair of a governing board of an institution of higher education appointed by the governor
- A trustee of a public junior college district appointed by the governor
- 2 persons appointed by the lieutenant governor, one of whom must possess experience in the field of education
- 2 persons appointed by the speaker of the house, one of whom must possess experience in the field of education

Appointed members of the commission serve for two years and may be reappointed. Appointments must be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

Expiration date: January 1, 2037

Texas Innovative Adult Career Education Grant Program Advisory Board
 ([Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 437](#), Section 2

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function: Provides input and recommendations for awarding grants under the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education Grant Program established by House Bill 437

Composition (unspecified number of members): The grant administrator designated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under House Bill 437 establishes the advisory board, which must be composed of members representing the philanthropic community, the business community, and public junior colleges and public technical institutes and include the mayor of one of the five most populous municipalities in Texas. The grant administrator may appoint an additional nonvoting, ex officio member. The board elects a chair from among its members.

Texas Rising Star Program Review Work Group ([Texas Workforce Commission](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 376](#), Section 9

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function: The work group, taking into consideration certain relevant information, proposes revisions to Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) rules on the Texas Rising Star Program, a voluntary, quality-based rating system of child care providers participating in the commission's subsidized child care program.

Composition (at least 13 members):

- At least 1 member from TWC
- At least 1 member from the Department of Family and Protective Services
- At least 1 member from the Texas Education Agency
- At least 1 member from the governor's Texas Early Learning Council who participated on the Quality Rating and Improvement System subcommittee
- At least 1 member who is appointed to a workforce development board
- At least 4 members who are Texas Rising Star Program providers with different program ratings:
 - At least 1 provider who is a for-profit private provider
 - At least 1 provider who is a single site provider
 - At least 1 provider who is a multisite provider
 - At least 1 provider who provides child care in the provider's home
- At least 1 provider who has participated in the Texas School Ready! project
- At least 3 members employed by different local workforce development boards who work in a board child-care program and have experience and expertise in early childhood development or the Texas Rising Star Program or other similar certification or accreditation programs

Members are appointed by the executive director of TWC. The work group elects a presiding officer by a vote of the membership of the work group.

Expiration date: December 1, 2014

Unclaimed Mineral Proceeds Commission

Legislation: [House Bill 724](#), Sections 2, 3, and 5

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function:

- Studies and provides recommendations to the legislature regarding the distribution of mineral proceeds that are derived from an original land grant; owned by a descendent of an original grantee; unclaimed and presumed abandoned under state law; and delivered to the comptroller of public accounts
- Determines the amount of unclaimed original land grant mineral proceeds delivered to the comptroller that remain unclaimed on December 1, 2014, and efficient and effective procedures under which the state may be required to determine the proceeds' owners, notify the owners of the proceeds, and distribute the proceeds to the owners
- Provides to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house not later than January 1, 2015, a final report on unclaimed original land grant mineral proceeds

Composition (at least 12 members):

- 3 members who represent the interests of land grant heirs, appointed by the governor
- 3 members who have expertise in property law, appointed by the governor
- The lieutenant governor or up to 2 designees of the lieutenant governor
- The speaker of the house or up to 2 designees of the speaker
- The commissioner of the General Land Office or up to 2 designees of the commissioner
- The comptroller or up to 2 designees of the comptroller
- The executive director of the Texas Historical Commission or up to 2 designees of the executive director
- The state historian or the state historian's designee

The governor designates one of the governor's appointees as presiding officer of the commission.

Expiration date: June 1, 2015

Uniform Application Form for Disaster Assistance Workgroup ([Texas Division of Emergency Management](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 171](#), Section 1

Effective: June 14, 2013

Function: Determines if a uniform application form for assistance following a disaster may be developed for use by state agencies and by persons requesting assistance from state agencies and reports its findings, including recommendations for any necessary statutory changes, to the legislature before September 1, 2014

Composition (unspecified number of members): The chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management establishes the workgroup and the workgroup consists of appropriate emergency management council members, local government officials, and nonprofit organizations.

Expiration date: September 1, 2014

Uniform Prior Authorization Form for Health Care Services Benefits Advisory Committee ([Texas Department of Insurance](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1216](#), Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function:

- Advises the commissioner of insurance on the technical, operational, and practical aspects of developing a single, standard prior authorization form for requesting prior authorization of health care services, including:
 - Requirements for the health benefit plan issuer or agent of the health benefit plan issuer to acknowledge receipt of the standard form
 - Timelines under which the issuer or agent must acknowledge receipt of the standard form
 - Implications, including administrative penalties, for the failure of an issuer or agent to timely acknowledge receipt of the standard form or use or accept the form

Composition (unspecified number of members): The commissioner of insurance appoints the advisory committee and the committee is composed of an equal number of members from each of the following groups of stakeholders:

- Physicians
- Health care providers other than physicians
- Hospitals
- Representatives of health benefit plans
- Health and Human Services Commission representatives

Uniform Prior Authorization Form for Prescription Drug Benefits Advisory Committee (Texas Department of Insurance)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 644](#), Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function:

- Advises the commissioner of insurance on the technical, operational, and practical aspects of developing a single, standard prior authorization form for requesting prior authorization of prescription drug benefits
- Determines the following:
 - A single standard form for requesting prior authorization of prescription drug benefits
 - The length of the standard prior authorization form
 - The length of time allowed for acknowledgment of receipt of the form by the health benefit plan issuer or the agent of the health benefit plan issuer that manages or administers prescription drug benefits
 - The penalty imposed on the issuer or agent for failure to acknowledge receipt of the form
 - The acceptable methods to acknowledge receipt
- Convenes not later than the second anniversary of the final approval of the standard prior authorization form, and every two years subsequently, to review the standard prior authorization form, examine the form's effectiveness and impact on patient safety, and determine whether changes are needed

Composition (unspecified number of members): The commissioner of insurance appoints the advisory committee and the committee is composed of:

- The commissioner of insurance or the commissioner's designee
- The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission or the executive commissioner's designee
- An equal number of members from each of the following groups:
 - Physicians
 - Other prescribing health care providers
 - Consumers experienced with prior authorizations
 - Hospitals

- Pharmacists
- Specialty pharmacies
- Pharmacy benefit managers
- Specialty drug distributors
- Health benefit plan issuers for the Texas Health Insurance Pool
- Health benefit plan issuers
- Health benefit plan networks of providers

Workers' Compensation Independent Review Advisory Group ([Texas Department of Insurance](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 2645](#), Section 5

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function: Advises the Texas Department of Insurance and makes recommendations at least annually to the commissioner of insurance regarding the independent review of health care services provided to persons eligible for workers' compensation medical benefits and other health care services

Composition (at least 8 members): The commissioner of insurance establishes the advisory group and appoints as members a department employee and individuals who have applied for membership, including:

- 2 officers of different certified independent review organizations
- 1 officer of a certified utilization review organization
- 1 officer or representative of an association of physicians with knowledge of and interest in the independent review process
- 1 officer or representative of an association of insurance carriers with knowledge of and interest in the independent review process
- 2 officers or representatives of different patient advocacy associations with knowledge of and interest in the independent review process

Members of the advisory group serve two-year terms. The commissioner designates one member to serve as presiding member of the group.

Renamed Entities

Beef Promotion and Research Council of Texas ([Department of Agriculture](#))

Previous Name: Texas Beef Council

Legislation: [House Bill 2312](#), Sections 1-6

Effective: June 14, 2013

Function (revised): Revised to include a state beef check off program among the council's beef promotion and research programs

Composition (revised—unspecified number of members): Revised to include an unspecified number of members nominated by the entity or organization that administers the federal beef check off program, rather than 20 members nominated by certain organizations and industry representatives. The commissioner of agriculture appoints the members.

Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Fund Advisory Committee ([Railroad Commission of Texas](#))

Previous Name: Oil-Field Cleanup Fund Advisory Committee

Legislation: [Senate Bill 59](#), Section 85

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function (revised): Revised to reflect that the oil-field cleanup fund is renamed the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund. The advisory committee:

- Meets at least quarterly with the Railroad Commission of Texas
- Receives information about rules proposed by the railroad commission relating to the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund
- Reviews recommendations for legislation proposed by the railroad commission
- Monitors the effectiveness of the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund
- Reports to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house on the committee's activities not later than November 15 of each even-numbered year

Composition (unchanged—10 members total):

- 1 state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
- The presiding officer of the house committee with primary jurisdiction over matters affecting energy resources
- 1 public member appointed by the governor
- 1 member appointed by the lieutenant governor from the academic field of geology or economics

- 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives from the academic field of geology or economics
- The executive officer, or a person designated by the executive officer, of each of the following organizations:
 - The Texas Oil and Gas Association
 - The Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association
 - The Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association
 - The Permian Basin Petroleum Association
 - The Alliance of Energy Producers

Real Property Advisory Council (Texas Military Department)

Previous Name: Real Property Advisory Committee

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1536](#), Section 1.01. The entity is renamed in Section 437.151, Government Code, which contains the revised language from the Real Property Advisory Committee statute, which was repealed by Senate Bill 1536.

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function (revised): Revised to remove a requirement that advice be provided regarding the future year defense plan. The council is required to advise the Texas Military Department on the following:

- The facility master plan
- The long-range construction plan
- The selection of architecture and engineering firms
- Requests for bonding authority for state military facilities
- The disposal or sale of department property
- Surface leases of department property
- Natural resources management plans
- Environmental studies and agreements

Composition (revised—8 members total): Revised to include the executive director of the Texas Military Department. The advisory council must also include:

- 2 deputy adjutants general

- 5 public members who are not actively serving in the Texas National Guard and who have experience in architecture, construction management, engineering, property management, facilities maintenance management, real estate services, or property law

The public members of the advisory council are appointed to staggered three-year terms by the adjutant general. The adjutant general designates one of the public members as the presiding officer of the advisory council.

Texas Commission on Law Enforcement

Previous Name: Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education

Legislation: [Senate Bill 686](#), Sections 1.01-3.01

Effective: May 18, 2013

Function (revised): Function is unchanged under Senate Bill 686 but is revised under House Bill 1009 and House Bill 1951. [House Bill 1009](#) requires the commission to establish and maintain a training program open to any employee of a school district or open-enrollment charter school who holds a license to carry a concealed handgun and to license a person who is eligible for appointment as a school marshal. [House Bill 1951](#) requires the commission to license telecommunicators. The commission's general powers are to:

- Adopt rules for the administration of Occupations Code provisions relating to law enforcement officers and for the commission's internal management and control
- Establish minimum standards relating to competence and reliability, including education, training, physical, mental, and moral standards, for licensing as an officer, county jailer, public security officer, or telecommunicator
- Report to the governor and legislature on the commission's activities, with recommendations on matters under the commission's jurisdiction, and make other reports that the commission considers desirable
- Require a state agency or a county, special district, or municipality in the state that employs officers, telecommunicators, or county jailers to submit reports and information
- Contract as the commission considers necessary for services, facilities, studies, and reports required for cooperation with municipal, county, special district, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in training programs and performance of the commission's other functions
- Conduct research and stimulate research by public and private agencies to improve law enforcement and police administration

Composition (unchanged—9 members total):

- 3 members who are sheriffs, constables, or chiefs of police

- 3 members who are licensed peace officers, two of whom, at the time of appointment, hold nonsupervisory positions with a law enforcement agency and have been licensed for the five years preceding the date of appointment
- 3 members who represent the public

Expiration date (unchanged): September 1, 2021, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Texas Military Department

Previous Name: adjutant general's department

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1536](#), Section 1.01

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function (revised): Revised to update the adjutant general's duties relating to administrative activities in support of the Texas military forces

Composition (unchanged): The adjutant general is appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, for a term of two years and is the head of the department.

Expiration date (unchanged): September 1, 2019, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Texas Nonprofit Council ([Health and Human Services Commission](#))

Previous Name: Task Force on Improving Relations with Nonprofits

Legislation: [Senate Bill 993](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: June 14, 2013

Function (revised): Revised to reflect that the council performs the following duties previously performed by the interagency coordinating group for faith- and community-based initiatives in coordination with the task force on improving relations with nonprofits:

- Makes recommendations for improving contracting relationships between state agencies and faith- and community-based organizations
- Develops best practices for cooperating and collaborating with faith- and community-based organizations
- Identifies and addresses duplication of services provided by the state and faith- and community-based organizations
- Identifies and addresses gaps in state services that faith- and community-based organizations could fill

Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, the council is required to present to the House Committee on Human Services or its successor, the House Committee on Public Health or its successor, and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee or its successor a report detailing the council's work.

Composition (revised—12 members total): Revised to expand from one to two the number of representatives from each of the following groups and entities and to remove representation of experts in grant writing:

- Statewide nonprofit organizations
- Local governments
- Faith-based groups
- Community-based groups
- Consultants to nonprofit corporations
- Statewide associations of nonprofit organizations

The council is required to elect a chair or chairs from among its members. Council members serve three-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms, that expire on October 1 of every third year.

Expiration date (revised): Revised to subject the council to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act), and to establish that unless the council is continued in existence as provided by that act, the council is abolished on September 1, 2019. Previous law relating to the task force expired on September 1, 2013.

Texas System of Care Consortium ([Health and Human Services Commission](#))

Previous Name: Texas Integrated Funding Initiative Pilot Project Consortium

Legislation: [Senate Bill 421](#), Section 2

Effective: September 1, 2013

Function (revised): Revised to expand the consortium’s duties with respect to the development of local mental health systems of care and to remove the requirement that the consortium implement the expansion of the Texas Integrated Funding Initiative pilot project. The consortium:

- Has responsibility for and oversight over a state system of care to develop local mental health systems of care in communities for minors who are receiving residential mental health services or inpatient mental health hospitalization or who are at risk of being removed from the minor’s home and placed in a more restrictive environment to receive mental health services
- In connection with the Health and Human Services Commission:
 - Maintains a comprehensive plan for the delivery of mental health services and supports to a minor and a minor’s family using a system of care framework, including best practices in the financing, administration, governance, and delivery of those services

- Implements strategies to expand the use of system of care practices in the planning and delivery of services throughout Texas
- Identifies appropriate local, state, and federal funding sources to finance infrastructure and mental health services needed to support state and local system of care efforts
- Develops an evaluation system to measure outcomes of state and local system of care efforts
- Submits to the legislature and the Council on Children and Families not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year a report that contains an evaluation of the outcomes of the Texas System of Care and recommendations on strengthening state policies and practices that support local systems of care, including recommendations relating to:
 - Methods to increase access to effective and coordinated services and supports
 - Methods to increase community capacity to implement local systems of care through training and technical assistance
 - Use of cross-system performance and outcome data to make informed decisions at individual and system levels
 - Strategies to maximize public and private funding at the local, state, and federal levels

Composition (revised—unspecified number of members): Revised to update the state agency representation, modify the family advocate representation, and add representation of youth or young adults who have received mental health services. The consortium must include:

- Representatives of the Department of State Health Services, Department of Family and Protective Services, Health and Human Services Commission’s Medicaid program, Texas Education Agency, Texas Juvenile Justice Department, and Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments
- One youth or young adult who has a serious emotional disturbance and has received mental health services and supports
- A family member of a youth or young adult who has a serious emotional disturbance and has received mental health services and supports

The consortium may coordinate with the Children’s Policy Council for the purpose of including the family member representation and youth or young adult representation.

Abolished Entities

Adult Education Advisory Committee ([State Board of Education](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 307](#). The entity is abolished in Section 2.06 of the bill by the repeal of Section 29.254, Education Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Provided guidance on adult education programs. Function is similar to that of the new Adult Education and Literacy Advisory Committee.

Composition: Up to 21 members

Breast Cancer Advisory Council ([Department of State Health Services](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 595](#), Section 4

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Developed information on alternative treatments for breast cancer. Function is transferred to the Department of State Health Services.

Composition: At least 4 members

Breast Cancer Screening Advisory Committee ([Department of State Health Services](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 595](#), Section 5

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Provided guidance on breast cancer screening in targeted areas of Texas. Function is transferred to the Department of State Health Services.

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Court Reporters Certification Board ([Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 966](#), Section 3.02

Abolished: September 1, 2014

Function: Provided oversight of the certification of court reporters and the registration of shorthand reporting firms. Function is transferred to the new Judicial Branch Certification Commission, to be assisted by the new Court Reporters Certification Advisory Board.

Composition: 13 members

Guardianship Certification Board

([Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 966](#), Section 3.02

Abolished: September 1, 2014

Function: Provided oversight of the regulation of guardianship services and the certification of certain guardians. Function is transferred to the new Judicial Branch Certification Commission, to be assisted by the new Guardianship Certification Advisory Board.

Composition: 15 members

Interagency Literacy Council

([Texas Workforce Commission](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 307](#). The entity is abolished in Section 2.06 of the bill by repeal of Chapter 312, Labor Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Assisted in the promotion of literacy in Texas. Function is similar to that of the new Adult Education and Literacy Advisory Committee.

Composition: 9 members

Interagency Work Group on Rural Issues

(Office of Rural Affairs within the [Department of Agriculture](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 1493](#), Section 45

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Developed a process to allow state agencies to work together on rural issues and to coordinate programs and services offered to rural communities

Composition: Unspecified number of members. Members were state agencies that participated in the annual meeting on rural issues, which is discontinued under House Bill 1493.

Lung Cancer Advisory Council ([Health and Human Services Commission](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 595](#), Section 6

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Developed information on alternative treatments for lung cancer. Function is transferred to the Department of State Health Services.

Composition: 3 members

Office of the Fire Fighters' Pension Commissioner

Legislation: [Senate Bill 220](#), Section 5.01

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Monitored local pension plans and administered state pension benefits for Texas fire and emergency medical departments. Powers and duties of the office under provisions of law relating to the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System are transferred to that retirement system. Certain services relating to local fire fighters retirement systems are transferred to the State Pension Review Board.

Composition: Not applicable

Osteoporosis Task Force ([Department of State Health Services](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 595](#). The entity is abolished in Section 2 of the bill by repeal of Section 90.003, Health and Safety Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Assisted in developing an osteoporosis program, which is discontinued under House Bill 595

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Oyster Advisory Committee ([Department of Agriculture](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 1903](#), Section 2

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Provided guidance and direction on the Texas oyster program, which is discontinued under House Bill 1903

Composition: 9 members

Process Server Review Board ([Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 966](#), Section 3.02

Abolished: September 1, 2014

Function: Provided oversight by supreme court order of the certification of process servers. Function is transferred to the new Judicial Branch Certification Commission, to be assisted by the new Process Server Certification Advisory Board.

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Prostate Cancer Task Force ([Department of State Health Services](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 595](#). The entity is abolished in Section 2 of the bill by repeal of Section 91.003, Health and Safety Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Assisted in developing a prostate cancer education program, which is discontinued under House Bill 595

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Repayment of Certain Physical Therapist Education Loans Advisory Committee ([Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 215](#). The entity is abolished in Section 62 of the bill by repeal of Section 61.607, Education Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Assisted the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in performing its duties under the repayment of certain physical therapist education loans law, which is repealed under Senate Bill 215

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Roberta High Memorial Pharmacy Residency Program Advisory Committee ([Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 215](#). The entity is abolished in Section 62 of the bill by repeal of Section 61.930, Education Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Advised the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding the development and administration of the Roberta High Memorial Pharmacy Residency Program, which is discontinued under Senate Bill 215

Composition: At least 8 members

Rural Communities Health Care Investment Program Advisory Panel (Office of Rural Affairs within the [Department of Agriculture](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 1493](#), Section 45

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Assisted the Office of Rural Affairs in establishing medically underserved communities loan reimbursement and stipend programs, which are subject to available funding under House Bill 1493

Composition: At least 6 members

Rural Physician Relief Advisory Committee (Office of Rural Affairs within the [Department of Agriculture](#))

Legislation: [House Bill 1493](#), Section 45

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Assisted the Office of Rural Affairs in administering the rural physician relief program, which is subject to available funding under House Bill 1493

Composition: 7 members

State Medical Education Board ([Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#))

Legislation: [House Joint Resolution 79](#), Section 1; [House Bill 1061](#), Section 1

Abolished: Abolishment is effective on the date of the official canvass of returns showing adoption of the constitutional amendment.

Function: Provided grants, loans, or scholarships to students desiring to study medicine and agreeing to practice in rural areas of Texas

Composition: 6 members

Technology Workforce Development Grant Program Advisory Committee ([Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 215](#). The entity is abolished in Section 62 of the bill by the repeal of Section 51.858, Education Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Advised the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding a technology workforce development grant program, which is discontinued under Senate Bill 215

Composition: 11 members

Texas Engineering and Technical Consortium Advisory Committee

Legislation: [Senate Bill 215](#). The entity is abolished in Section 62 of the bill by repeal of Section 51.854, Education Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Advised and made recommendations to the Texas Engineering and Technical Consortium, which is discontinued under Senate Bill 215

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Texas Health Insurance Pool Board of Directors

([Texas Department of Insurance](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1367](#). The entity is abolished in Section 8 of the bill by repeal of Section 1506.051, Insurance Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Administered the Texas Health Insurance Pool, which is discontinued under Senate Bill 1367

Composition: 9 members

Texas Partnership and Scholarship Program Advisory Council

([Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#))

Legislation: [Senate Bill 215](#). The entity is abolished in Section 62 of the bill by repeal of Section 61.810, Education Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2013

Function: Assisted the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board with the Texas partnership and scholarship program, which is discontinued under Senate Bill 215

Composition: 9 members

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